



Citizens' Fire Academy

Overview

The Wichita Fire Department Citizens Fire Academy is designed to increase understanding of fire and emergency medical operations and to promote citizen interaction with Wichita Fire Department firefighters. The program will enhance awareness of the department's capabilities and limitations; develop realistic expectations of response times from point of dispatch; develop cooperative relationships between firefighters and the citizens of Wichita and encourage participations to become more aware of the dangers of fire and benefits of fire prevention.

Requirements

Citizens must be at least 18 years of age and live in the City of Wichita. All applicants must submit to a background check and must sign a waiver releasing the City of Wichita of all liabilities while participating in the Academy. There is no charge to participants.

Class dates and location

The course is 10 weeks long, 3 hours per session, and will be held at the Wichita Fire Department Training Academy on Thursdays. Several sessions will be held at City Fire Stations. The classes will start on May 19 th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and run through July 21st.

Topics included in schedule Topics

- ◆ WFD History / Introductions
- ◆ Community Risk Reduction. Fire Prevention: Inspection/Public Education & Fire Investigations.
- ◆ Dispatch (911) and Emergency Ops. Center (EOC)
- ◆ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
- ◆ SCBA-Search and Rescue
- ◆ Heavy Rescue/Hazardous Materials
- ◆ Vehicle Extrication
- ◆ Fire Extinguisher Training
- ◆ Hose Evolutions
- ◆ Simulated Live Fire Fighting
- ◆ Graduation



Fire Academy Application

Apply by utilizing our on-line application process or call the Fire Department at 268-4466 for more information.



Citizens' Fire Academy Course Description

Wichita Fire Department History.

The student will be introduced to Wichita's Fire Department History dating from its first volunteer company in 1872 through today. The instructor will introduce the student to equipment currently on track and explain the differences. In addition, the student will learn about the functional elements of the Fire Department and our Organizational breakdown.

Community Risk Reduction.

The student will learn about Community Risk Reduction (CRR). Community based risk reduction is an organization wide philosophy and management approach that promotes prevention efforts through public and fire department partnerships. The student will be introduced to Fire Prevention. Inspections/Public Education/Fire Investigation.

Emergency Communications Dispatch (911) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The student will tour the dispatch center and view dispatchers at work. In addition, they will visit the EOC in order to get an idea where first responders gather in case of a large emergency event such as a flood, large fire, tornado, weapons of mass destruction or a terror attack.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation.

By the end of this session, the student will be certified in CPR as well as the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator. (AED)(4 Hours)

SCBA-Search and Rescue.

In a real fire situation, thick acrid smoke makes it impossible to breathe and see. During this session the student will learn how an air pack works and how to use one. He/she will be placed in an environment that mimics a live fire in order for them to experience what a firefighter feels and sees as they perform search and rescue.

Heavy Rescue/Hazardous Materials.

The student will be introduced to Heavy Rescue vehicles, equipment and rescue techniques as well as seeing, close hand, a high angle rescue. In addition, the Hazardous Materials team will display their equipment and demonstrate how to mitigate a hazardous materials spill.



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Vehicle Extrication.

The student will learn how to use the “Jaws of Life” and other rescue equipment by actually facilitating a rescue from a vehicle.

Fire Extinguisher Training.

The student will learn how to use a fire extinguisher on an actual fire.

Hose Evolutions.

The student will lay hose lines, hook up to a hydrant and place hose lines into operation. In addition, students will spray water from a water cannon and an Aerial Platform.

Simulated Fire Fight.

The student will fight a simulated fire in full turnout gear. All that was learned during the previous 9 weeks will be put to use. The student will pull hose, enter a smoke filled building, conduct search and rescue and conduct fire attack.

Graduation.

The student will be presented with a Certificate of Completion.



Citizens' Fire Academy Schedule

Date	Week	Class Description
5/19/11	1	Opening night-Welcome Coordinator/Participant Introductions Academy Content Overview WFD History/Organizational Breakdown
5/26/11	2	Community Risk Reduction concept Fire Prevention/Inspection/Public Education Fire Investigation
6/02/11	3	Dispatch (911), Emergency Ops Center (EOC)
6/09/11	4	Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
6/16/11	5	SCBA-Search and Rescue
6/23/11	6	Heavy Rescue / Hazardous Materials
6/30/11	7	Vehicle Extrication
7/07/11	8	Fire Extinguisher Training
7/14/11	9	Hose Evolutions
7/21/11	10	Live Fire Fighting
7/26/11	11	Graduation / City Council Chambers



City of Wichita Fire Department

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Emergency Information Sheet

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

In case of emergency, whom shall we contact?

Name/Relationship

Phone Number:

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |

Medical Conditions:

_____	Cardiac/Heart
_____	Breathing/Respiratory
_____	Stroke
_____	Diabetes
_____	Vision/Hearing
_____	Other _____

Do you have any known allergies? Y _____ N _____ What? _____

Note: Certain activities throughout the Citizens' Fire Academy may involve a moderate degree of physical exertion. It is recommended that participants with any of the above mentioned conditions check with their physician prior to participating in the Academy. Participation in any portion of the program is purely voluntary and shall not be considered a requisite for acceptance.



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Name:

Age:

Sex: Male Female

Date of Birth (mm-dd-yy):

Address :

E-mail Address

City:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Occupation:

Business Address:

Business Phone:

The Wichita Fire Department Administration Office is located at :

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